



INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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Charges and Convictions Activity – August 2005

Joe Snooks – Following a motor vehicle accident on 7/14/03, Snooks submitted a PIP application that exaggerated the amount of his lost wages. He also submitted a letter from his employer that had been altered so it would appear he worked full time when he did not. On 7/20/05, Snooks was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Warren Circuit Court.

Boone Mountain Services – On or about 12/16/03, Boone Mountain Services (Boone), a Kentucky corporation, acting with the knowledge of high managerial agents, submitted a payroll and premium report to Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance Company (KEMI) that failed to disclose the full amount of payroll, allowing the company to avoid paying the correct amount of workers' compensation premium. On 7/25/05, Boone was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Letcher Circuit Court.

Heather Mays – On or about 11/17/04, Mays, a licensed agent, presented a fraudulent insurance identification card to the Clay County Clerk in order to renew the vehicle registration on a 2000 Nissan truck. On 7/26/05, Mays was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Clay District Court, and pled guilty to the amended misdemeanor charge of fraudulent insurance acts. She was sentenced to 12 months probated for 18 months and ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$350.00 (\$1,000 with \$650 suspended). She also surrendered her insurance license and agreed to maintain insurance on any vehicle she owns or drives.

Ernest Auxier – On or about 4/26/05, Auxier presented a fraudulent insurance identification card to the judge of the Breathitt District Court as proof of insurance after receiving a citation. On 7/19/05, Auxier was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Breathitt Circuit Court. On 7/25/05, he pled guilty to the amended misdemeanor charge of fraudulent insurance acts and was sentenced to 12 months probated for 18 months, ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, and must maintain insurance on any vehicle he owns or operates.

Patricia Keith – On or about 9/2/03, Keith was in possession of a forged instrument, an insurance identification card, which she presented to the Madison County Clerk in order to renew her vehicle registration. On 8/16/05, Keith was charged with one felony count of criminal possession of a forged instrument in Madison District Court.

Jim Tincher – On or about 9/28/04, Tinch

er submitted a fraudulent workers' compensation insurance certificate to Kentucky Construction Company when in fact he had no workers' compensation coverage. On 6/16/05, Tinch

er was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Owen District Court. On 7/8/05, he pled guilty to the amended misdemeanor charge of fraudulent insurance acts and was sentenced to 12 months probated for 12 months and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine to the Fraud Division for investigative costs.